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3. Japanese Patent Publication No. 2003-217554 - An English language abstract of this document is enclosed.

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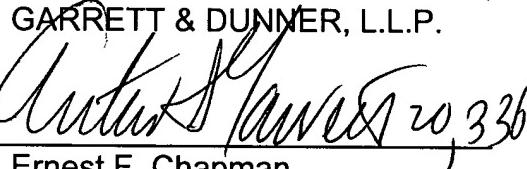
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